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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. In addition to Representative Zablocki's (Wisconsin) statement yesterday that CIA should be investigated because it allegedly did not foresee the coup in Iraq, Senator Mansfield today on the floor of the Senate charged "failure of intelligence." He re-introduced his bill to set up a Watch-dog Committee to review the future work of CIA.

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REACTION

A HOUSE DEMOCRAT CRITICISED EISENHOWER'S SENDING OF TROOPS TO LEBANON TODAY AND DREW AN IMMEDIATE PUBLIC REBUKE FROM RAYBURN.

THE CRITICISM WAS VOICED IN A ONE MINUTE HOUSE SPEECH BY REP. HENRY S. REUSS (D-WIS.).

HE SAID THE PRESIDENT "SHOULD NOT HAVE INTERVENED IN THE MIDDLE EAST WITHOUT CONSULTING CONGRESS AND ALLOWING DEBATE." HE SAID THE U.S. ACTION "NOT ONLY RISKS WORLD WAR III BUT ALSO RISKS MORAL REVULSION OF A GREAT PART OF THE UNCOMMITTED WORLD."

RAYBURN, WHO RARELY COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDING CHAIR ON THE REMARKS OF ANY HOUSE MEMBER, REGARDLESS OF HOW MUCH THEY MIGHT DISPLEASE THEM, SAID WHEN REUSS HAD FINISHED:

"WITHOUT WISHING TO CRITICIZE THE GENTLEMAN FROM WISCONSIN, IN TIMES LIKE THESE WE HAD BETTER ALLOW MATTERS TO DEVELOP RATHER THAN MAKE REMARKS ABOUT THEM."

RAYBURN, HIMSELF, AND OTHER DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN LEADERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE ENDORSED THE PRESIDENT'S TROOP ACTION.

BUT THE NO. 2 SENATE DEMOCRAT -- SEN. MIKE MANSFIELD OF MONTANA -- QUESTIONED "THE WISDOM OF LANDING AMERICAN MAINES IN LEBANON AT THIS TIME." MANSFIELD SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE THE DECISION AND THAT HE WOULD DO HIS "VERY BEST TO SUPPORT IT."

MANSFIELD CHARGED THERE HAD BEEN A "FAILURE OF INTELLIGENCE." HE INTRODUCED A BILL TO SET UP A WATCHDOG COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE WORK OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY IN THE FUTURE.

SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER LYNDON JOHNSON AND REPUBLICAN LEADER

WILLIAM KNOWLAND BACKED THE PRESIDENT IN STATEMENTS TO THE SENATE.
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JOHNSON SAID AMERICANS FORCES "HAVE BEEN COMMITTED" AND THAT, WHATEVER HAPPENS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL "MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE AGGRESSORS THAT THIS COUNTRY IS DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN FREEDOM IN THIS WORLD AT WHATEVER THE COST."

KNOWLAND TOLD THE SENATE THAT EVERYONE IN THE FREE WORLD HAS "COME TO THE REALIZATION THAT YOU CANNOT HAVE THE FREE WORLD NIBBLED AWAY BIT BY BIT."

KNOWLAND SAID THAT UP UNTIL THE "DISASTROUS" OUTBREAK IN IRAQ YESTERDAY IT HAD BEEN EXPECTED THAT LEBANON COULD SURVIVE WITHOUT OUTSIDE HELP. BUT HE SAID IT THEN "BECAME OBVIOUS THAT UNLESS, COUNTRY BY COUNTRY WE WERE TO LOSE FREEDOM, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR SOME OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE TO BE RECEIVED."

KEUSS TOLD THE HOUSE " I OPPOSE THE PRESIDENT'S ACTION WITH ALL MY HEART." HE SAID THE PRESIDENT, IN EFFECT, HAD BROKEN A COMMITMENT HE MADE TO CONGRESS 18 MONTHS AGO IN ASKING FOR A PASSAGE OF THE SO-CALLED EISENHOWER DOCTRINE.

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